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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 0428

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB. GE, UR

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ALLIED SERVICEMEN. INCIDENTAT CHECKPOINT

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REF: BERLIN 421

1. AT 1655 LOCAL MARCH 7, USAREUR-PLATED POV CARRYING THREE US SOLDIERS WAS INVOLVED IN MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN EAST BERLIN. ONE OF SOLDIERS, WHO DISMOUNTED AND RETURNED TO CHECKPOINT CHARLIE ON FOOT TO REPORT ACCIDENT TO MPS, WAS DETAINED FOR SOME FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES IN CHECKPOINT AREA BY GDR BORDER GUARDS WHO ASKED HOW AND WHEN HE HAD ENTERED EAST BERLIN, REQUESTED LICENSE NUMBER OF HIS VEHICLE, AND DEMANDED THAT HE PRODUCE ID CARD. SOLDIER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN ACCIDENT, SAID HE DID NOT RECALL LICENSE NUMBER AND, CONFIDENTIAL

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UNFORTUNATELY, SHOWED HIS MILITARY ID CARD TO

GUARDS. HE WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED AND AT 1730 VEHICLE  
IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN RIDING RETURNED TO WEST  
BERLIN WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. WHILE IT IS NOT UNPRECEDENTED FOR TRAVELLER RETURNING  
ON FOOT AFTER HAVING ENTERED EAST BERLIN IN VEHICLE  
TO GIVE FEW WORDS OF EXPLANATION TO GUARDS TO FACILITATE  
HIS PASSAGE OF CHECKPOINT, DEMAND FOR ID CARD COMING  
SO CLOSE ON HEELS OF SOVIET STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL  
UNFORTUNATELY MAY BE TREATED BY EAST GERMANS AS  
"SETTING" PRECEDENT. INSTRUCTIONS TO REFUSE TO SHOW  
ID CARD, DEMAND SOVIET OFFICER AND STAND FAST UNTIL  
EXTRICATED BY MPS ARE BEING REEMPHASIZED IN BRIEFINGS  
OF ALL US UNIFORMED TRAVLLERS TO EAST BERLIN.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KELIN

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